

Introduction to Gender & Sexuality, And LGBTQ Education

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S102 Classroom

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Course Description

This 2-day intensive course is made up of multiple components - lecture, interactive discussion, experiential activities, panel discussion (online), and film screening. On the first day, John will share his life story, and he will present and we will discuss the wide variety of LGBTQ+ experiences. We also learn the basics of gender & sexuality, and the contemporary understandings of LGBTQ+. We will do interactive exercises together to explore issues of diversity in more depth. On the second day, we will welcome teachers, parents, and students from the San Francisco School (<https://www.sfschool.org/>) to discuss the current state of LGBTQ+ education. San Francisco has been the leader of the LGBTQ+ movement, and we will have a unique opportunity to learn how this innovative school engages in LGBTQ+ education and creates a welcoming environment for LGBTQ+ students and families. Finally, we will watch one episode of the British Netflix series "Heartstopper", an LGBTQ+ coming-of-age romantic comedy television series. It centers on LGBTQ+ characters, and presents their contemporary experience inside and outside school. We will reflect on the episode and discuss the issues it raises.

Timetable

	Monday, October 3, 2022	Tuesday, October 4, 2022
10:00-12:00	1. Lecture & Discussion	3. Panel Discussion
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
13:00-15:00	2. Activity	4. Television-Program Viewing

1. Lecture & Discussion

- Life stories of John & his husband Stuart:
Coming out, struggles and joys, and leadership in the movement for marriage equality.
- Introduction to LGBTQ+ - What types of identities and experiences make up the term LGBTQ+?

2. Activity

- "Coming out" role play
- "20 types of diversity" exercises

3. Panel Discussion

- LGBTQ+ education at The San Francisco School:
"How does the school teach LGBTQ+ subjects and welcome LGBTQ+ students and families?"

Guest speakers:

- Nancy Nagramada, Head of the Middle School
- Brendan Dunlap, LGBTQ+ alum who teaches the Rainbow Alliance electives
- Other LGBTQ+ teachers, parents & students at the San Francisco School

4. Television-Program Viewing

- "Heartstoppers" (Japanese subtitles available)
- Reflection and discussion

About the Lecturers



John Lewis and Stuart Gaffney are marriage equality experts and leaders in the LGBTQ movement in the United States. They were the plaintiffs in the 2004-2008 California lawsuit against the State Government that overturned the state's ban on same-sex marriage.

John is a graduate of Northwestern University. After graduating from Stanford Law School, he became an attorney and practised law in California. Between 2008 and 2016, he was Legal and Policy Director of Marriage Equality USA.

Stuart graduated from Yale University and served as Media Director of Marriage Equality USA between 2008 and 2016. He is currently engaged in public health research at the University of California, San Francisco.